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The reply filed on 7/28/2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): It appears applicant made an improper election. The requirement was for application to elect a single species FROM EACH GROUP. A proper response includes a selection from group A and a selection from group B.

A: Species group I : Wherein the production apparatus is controlled by a:

- (1) Heating device, temperature detector and controller (i.e., claim 20)
- (2) A pressure reducing mechanism

Select either (1) or (2).

B: Species group II : Wherein the method comprises the steps of:

- (3) using a thermoplastic resin as the potting resin.
- (4) using a thermoplastic resin as a component of the hollow fiber membrane.

Select either (3) or (4).

Based on the current claims, a proper response should have 2 selections, one from the apparatus and one from the method.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George R. Koch III whose telephone number is (571) 272-1230. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Fiorilla can be reached on (571) 272-1187. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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